Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A group-editable web page editing apparatus system comprising:

an element selection device adapted to select a portion of an electronic document, wherein the selected portion includes at least one of template information or formatting information stored within the electronic document;

an editing device adapted to determine an edit user interface and allows editing of the selected portion through the edit user interface, wherein the edit user interface allows editing of at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion;

an updating device adapted to replace the selected portion with the edited portion;

a content item edit merging device adapted to perform a check determine in an actively live web page as to real-time whether a content item modified by an author is comparable to the template information edited by a user during the content item modification, adjusts merges one or more parts of the modified content item in comparison with the edited template information based on the check performed determination, and merges the compared adjusted content item with the edited template information back into the electronic document; and

a template edit merging device that merges a modified item template back into the electronic document even if the user edits the content of one or more items managed by the item template in the actively live web page real-time, while the item template is simultaneously being modified or updated by the author.

2.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus system of claim 1, wherein the updating device accounts for one or more edits by other users.

3.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus system of claim 2, wherein the one or more edits by other users are stored in a queue.

4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein the updating device updates the selected portion dependent on the edited portion.

6.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein the element selection device represents at least one non-selected portion of the electronic document with a placeholder while the selected portion is being edited and wherein the edit user interface suppresses one or more non-selected portions of the electronic document while the selected portion is being edited.

7.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein the editing device displays a placeholder corresponding to at least one non-selected portion in the edit user interface.

8.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein the element selection device permits selection of all portions of the electronic document that are associated with a given portion class.

9.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 8, wherein the portion classes include the class of items, the class of templates, and the class of remaining code.

10.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 8, wherein a user may select and edit portions of the template class, while one or more other users may simultaneously edit portions of the item class.

11.   (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 8, wherein one user may select and edit portions of the remaining code class, while one or more other users may simultaneously edit portions of the item class.

12.   (Currently Amended) A method for editing a group-editable web page comprising:

selecting a portion of an electronic document, wherein the selected portion includes at least one of template information or formatting information stored within the electronic document;

determining an edit user interface for the selected portion, wherein the edit user interface allows editing of at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion;

editing at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion using the edit user interface;

replacing the selected portion based on the edited portion;

performing a check ~~determining~~ in an actively live web page ~~real-time~~ whether a content item modified by an author is comparable to the template information edited by the user during the content item modification;

merging ~~adjusting~~ one or more parts of the modified content item in comparison with the edited template information based on the check performed ~~determination~~;

merging the compared ~~adjusted~~ content item with the edited template information back into the electronic document; and

merging a modified item template back into the electronic document even if the user edits the content of one or more items managed by the item template in an actively live web page ~~real-time~~, while the item template is simultaneously being modified or updated by the author.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the replacing accounts for one or more edits by other users.

14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the edit user interface displays a placeholder corresponding to at least one non-selected portion and the selected portion while the selected portion is being edited and wherein the edit user interface suppresses the at least one non-selected portion of the electronic document while the selected portion is being edited.

16.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising updating another portion of the electronic document.

17.   (Canceled)

18.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising replacing one or more non-selected portions with a placeholder.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the electronic document comprises items, templates and remaining code.

20.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium including one or more computer-readable instructions embedded therein, which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the steps of:

selecting a portion of an electronic document, wherein the selected portion includes at least one of template information or formatting information stored within the electronic document;

determining an edit user interface for the selected portion, wherein the edit user interface allows editing of at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion;

editing at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion;

replacing the selected portion based on the edited portion;

performing a check ~~determining~~ in an actively live web page ~~real-time~~ whether a content item modified by an author is comparable to the template information edited by the edit user during the content item modification;

merging ~~adjusting~~ one or more parts of the modified content item in comparison with the edited template information based on the check performed ~~determination~~;

merging the compared ~~adjusted~~ content item with the edited template information back into the electronic document; and

merging a modified item template back into the electronic document even if the user edits the content of one or more items managed by the item template in an

actively live web page real time, while the item template is simultaneously being modified or updated by the author.

21.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the replacing accounts for one or more edits by other users.

22.   (Canceled)

23.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the edit user interface displays a placeholder corresponding to at least one non-selected portion and the selected portion while the selected portion is being edited and wherein the edit user interface suppresses the at least one non-selected portion of the electronic document while the selected portion is being edited.

24.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, further comprising instructions for updating another portion of the electronic document.

25.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, further comprising:

        instructions for unlocking the electronic document; and
        instructions for processing any user contributions stored in a queue.

26.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, further comprising instructions for replacing one or more of non-selected portions with a placeholder.

27.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the electronic document comprises items, templates and remaining code.

28.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of editing devices each with a different edit user interface, wherein one of the edit user interfaces from one of the plurality of editing devices is selected for the editing of the selected portion.

29.   (Currently Amended) The <u>apparatus</u> ~~system~~ of claim 28, wherein the electronic document is a web page and the plurality of editing devices are each different web page editing devices.

30.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the determining an edit user interface further comprises selecting one of a plurality of different edit user interfaces, wherein the editing of the selected portion is with the selected one of the plurality of different edit user interfaces.

31.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the electronic document is a web page and the plurality of different edit user interfaces are each different web page edit user interfaces.

32.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the instructions for determining an edit user interface further comprises instructions for selecting one of a plurality of different edit user interfaces, wherein the instructions for editing the selected portion is with the selected one of the plurality of different edit user interfaces.

33.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 32, wherein the electronic document is a web page and the plurality of editing devices are each different web page editing devices.

34.   (Currently Amended) The <u>apparatus</u> ~~system~~ of claim 1, wherein the formatting information comprises at least one of text, images, and formatting codes editable by one or more authorized users, and wherein the formatting information is distinct from editable content items of the electronic document.

35.-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~system~~ of claim 6, wherein the placeholders representing non-selected portions of the electronic document are displayed in the same order as the corresponding non-selected portions of the electronic document.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the formatting information comprises at least one of text, images, and formatting codes editable by one or more authorized users, and wherein the formatting information is distinct from editable content items of the electronic document.

39.-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the placeholders representing non-selected portions of the electronic document are displayed in the same order as the corresponding non-selected portions of the electronic document.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein the formatting information comprises at least one of text, images, and formatting codes editable by one or more authorized users, and wherein the formatting information is distinct from editable content items of the electronic document.

43.-44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the placeholders representing non-selected portions of the electronic document are displayed in the same order as the corresponding non-selected portions of the electronic document.

46.-48. (Canceled)